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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

QIONG CHENG ET. AL.

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

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EXAMINER: GEBREYESUS, K

FOR: GENES ENCODING CAROTENOID COMPOUNDS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO A REQUIREMENT TO RESTRICT

**Commissioner for Patents
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Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 12/28/2004, making the claims subject to a requirement to restrict. Please amend the application as follows: